

NEWS FROM RICHMOND AND OTHER PARTS OF VIRGINIA.

RICHMOND NEWS AND GOSSIP

People Curious to See Mr. Williams' Reply to Mr. Ryan.

SUCCESSFUL LAUNCHING

Richmond's second torpedo boat christened The State Railroad Commissioner heard from Delegate James Crowder Bill—Removals by Death—the first snow of the season.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Richmond, Va., Dec. 27.—At the office of President John Skelton Williams, of the Seaboard Air Line, to-day it was said that he was in New York on business, and that no one was authorized at present to make any statement in regard to the telegram sent him by Thomas F. Ryan, which was published in full in this morning's Virginian-Pilot.

The matter aroused much interest here, and there is considerable curiosity as to Mr. Williams' reply to the stinging accusations of his adversary.

SUCCESSFUL LAUNCHING

The torpedo boat Stockton was launched promptly at 1 o'clock to-day from the yards of the Trigg Company in the presence of a gathering that numbered thousands. None of the officials from Washington were present. Several would have come but for the fact that they had to stay to attend the exercises incident to the reinforcement of the sailors who lost their lives by the blowing up of the Maine. The only visiting guests of the Trigg Company were Mr. and Mrs. Stockton and Miss Katherine Stockton, of New Jersey.

The bottle of wine was broken over the bows of the boat by Miss Stockton, and the little fighter went down into the water without accident. After the launching an elegant luncheon, at which hundreds were present, was served at the offices of the company. The guests of honor were the Governor, Mayor and City Council.

AN INTERESTING CASE.

An interesting case, wherein the Railroad Commissioner is heard from for the first time in many months, came up to-day, when initial steps were taken in proceedings which will be made against the Baltimore and Ohio railway to compel that company to comply with a ruling of General J. C. Hill as to schedules. It is unusual for a railway corporation to disregard the order of the Railroad Commissioner to the extent of allowing the case to get into the courts, hence a great deal of interest will be manifested in the announcement of a suit at this time.

The preliminary papers were drawn up this morning in the office of the Attorney-General. The suit is brought by Commissioner Hill, in the name of the State versus the Winchester and Strasburg railroad, which is controlled under the terms of a lease by the Baltimore and Ohio railway.

Recently a change in schedule went into effect on the Southern Railway, whereby the connection with an evening train over the Winchester and Strasburg, at Strasburg, was broken. The matter was brought to the attention of the Railroad Commissioner, who summoned representatives of the Southern and Baltimore and Ohio roads before him. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Commissioner announced a decision requiring both roads to make connection at Strasburg. It was the understanding that each road would conform to the Commissioner's ruling. Ten days were given in which they must comply. The Southern came to time. The Baltimore and Ohio did not. Now comes the suit.

A difference of about twenty-five minutes intervenes between the departure of one and the arrival of the other train. The Valley people allege that failure to make the connection causes them great inconvenience.

JIM CROW CARS.

It has been decided to take up on January 6th the bill prepared by Delegate Epps, of this city, to compel railroad companies to provide separate coaches for whites and blacks. The matter will be considered by the House Committee on Roads.

Mr. Epps states that he desires everybody to have ample notice of the date when the measure will be discussed, in order that all who desire to appear for or against the bill may do so.

"I have not sought to offer a bill harsh in its provisions," Mr. Epps said. "On the contrary, I have attempted to make it just as conservative as possible. My bill is almost an exact copy of the Kentucky law, which has stood the test of the courts."

Mr. Epps has received many letters commenting him for offering this bill. Ladies who have to travel without escorts are especially anxious to see it passed.

There will be a little fight on the measure. Its opponents will seek to have it amended, so as to apply to street car companies, but Mr. Epps will decline to accept any such amendment, for, in his judgment this would defeat the real object of his bill.

REMOVED BY DEATH.

Mr. James Cannon, who was for a number of years a member of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of this city, died at 9:30 o'clock this morning after an illness of several days.

Mr. James W. Kendler, one of Richmond's best-known citizens, died at 9:30 o'clock this morning at his residence on West Broad street, in the 68th year of his age. Mr. Kendler came to Richmond some time in the 40's, and engaged in business with Mrs. A. Snyder. From that time up to not long before his death he had been identified with the iron business of Richmond.

THE FIRST FALL.

The first snow of the season set in here early this afternoon, and continued without intermission up to night, with prospects for a very heavy fall.

NEWPORT NEWS.

THE BATTLESHIP TEXAS—SHOOTING SCRAPE—KNOTTY QUESTION.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)
Newport News, Va., Dec. 27.—The battleship Texas left this morning for Old Point, where she will await orders from Washington. She will be instructed to take on coal at Lambert's Point in a few days, after which she will join the North Atlantic Squadron, now in West Indian waters. It will interest the friends of the gallant warship to know Captain Sigbee's opinion of the Texas.

"She is the most remarkable sea-ship I ever saw," is the way he expressed it, describing the experience of the ship coming up the coast through the hurricane. "We ran before the storm, and she rolled scarcely a bit," he went on. "We never found it necessary to lash the furniture. We never do on the Texas."

SALOON SHOOTING SCRAPE.
In Pat Screeney's saloon, corner of Forty-second street and L-fayette avenue, about 7:40 o'clock this morning, two men quarreled about nothing and talked of fighting duels. Both of them expressed their entire willingness to engage in a deadly encounter, but before the preliminaries could be arranged one of them, unable longer to restrain his thirst for gore, shot the other in the calf of the leg, and departed hurriedly. He was arrested at 2 o'clock this afternoon and failed to await examination in the morning.

The man who received the bullet in his leg was Thomas Dutton, who works in the shipyard. His blood-thirsty friend was James Kelly, generally called "Jack." The latter is an unemployed of the yard.

There is a question that is just now agitating police circles and causing a flutter among moralists, philanthropists, the religiously inclined, the gambling element, and some others.

This is the question of whether the "Turkey Race" is a gambling device or not. Said "Turkey Race" was started on Washington avenue about ten days or two weeks ago by Billy Bagnall and Charlie Barger, two enterprising gentlemen of sporting proclivities, who saw that there were shacks in the game.

For the benefit of the untitled, it may be explained that the game, or "race," consisted of a wheel with a certain number of paddles to correspond—an arrangement differing not greatly from that sometimes used at church festivals. The paddles sold at ten cents apiece, and the holder of the lucky paddle was supposed to win the turkey. In lieu of the turkey, however, he invariably took a dollar.

Sergeant Reynolds swooped down on the outfit and arrested the proprietors, who were heavily fined by Acting Police Justice Robinson, who threw in a jail sentence for good measure. At the solicitation of the accused, the case was reopened and they succeeded in convincing his Honor that there was no gambling in the business. The sentence was reversed and the proprietors were allowed to proceed in peace, which they proceeded to do.

Sergeant Reynolds, though, was far from satisfied at the turn affairs took, and again arrested Bagnall, the "Turkey Race" having proceeded lucratively during Christmas. The case was set for yesterday and again for to-day. The counsel for the accused being sick, Friday. The "race" in the meantime goes merrily on. After the holidays it will probably not make much difference to the proprietors whether they are closed up or not.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

A notable delegation of visitors arrived at Old Point this morning. Among them were Senator W. B. Allison, Representatives Cousins and Hepburn, of Iowa; Speaker Henderson, of the House; Representative Amos J. Cummings, of New York, and Mr. Walter Mitchell, private secretary to Senator Cockrell, of Missouri.

Senator Allison is chairman of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, and the visit of the party may be prolific of substantial good to this section.

CORNELIUS VANDERBILT HERE.

Cornelius Vanderbilt and wife are stopping at the Chamberlin Hotel, at Old Point, for a few days, and yesterday Cornelius visited Newport News and was shown through the shipyard, receiving considerable attention from the officials. There is said to be nothing of more than ordinary interest in the visit, it being one purely of pleasure.

THEY OWNED THE SECTION.

At Fish Neck, in York county, last night, at Providence M. E. Church, a Christmas entertainment was in progress and a big crowd was present, some five or six hundred, completely filling the church. The presents were so numerous that the Christmas tree could not contain them and ropes were on which large number of presents were suspended. Santa Claus was just getting ready to distribute the gifts, when an unlooked-for and most unwelcome interruption occurred.

Some twenty young sports of the section, who had inhibited too freely of egg-nog and other liquid refreshments, had a genuinely new idea occur to them and proceeded to put it in execution. They entered the church in a body, threw down the Christmas tree, cut the ropes, overturned the stove and benches and after a lively performance of several minutes' duration put the audience to rout. The stove luckily, in unexpecting, did not set fire to the church, but to add to the scare given, the gentle-mannered youths set fire to the goods near by, and lest the audience should arrive at home too easily, they set afire the boats in the creek, in which a large number of the people had crossed to the festivities, and thus forced many women and children to walk some six or eight miles around the head of the creek.

REPEATED THE ACT.

Suddenly awakening to the fact that at last they had found their true vocation in life, and being desirous that others should not be deprived of the pleasure of their special brand of entertainment, they next visited Bibben's Neck, and at St. Michael's Church found another entertainment in progress and repeated their performance, driving the congregation out and leaving a wreck behind them, and Santa Claus has not distributed the presents yet.

Just whether the young men have made themselves a howling success as entertainers or not is not stated, but it is possible the entertainment may become popular—in the Philippines.

SUFFOLK.

Twins Reunited After Fifty-four Years Separation.

As Slaves Sold For Liquor—Ice Plant—Hurricane After Cotton—Snow—Iron Works Start—Holland Alive—Brevities.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Suffolk, Va., Dec. 27.—After 54 years' separation, Boston Bryant will soon be reunited to his sister. He doesn't know her any more, but he has learned her address, and he will proceed to look her up. Her name is Liza Gatling, and she lives in Coxville, N. C. It is a twin sister.

Boston is the venerable sexton of the Suffolk Christian Church and a particular friend and protégé of the pastor, Dr. W. W. Staley. The doctor announced from the pulpit Sunday night that Boston was one of his favorites. The life drama of Boston Bryant and his twin sister is a product of slave times. They were owned by a good old North Carolinian, who treated them kindly. Childhood days were full of joy.

There came a time when pleasure was supplanted by pain. That was about the year 1845, when the twins were 12 years old. Their owner loved his slaves, and he also loved his whiskey. He got in need of money and was in the habit of unloading one of his human holdings every year. In 1845 the twins were parted. They never saw nor heard of each other till recently. Liza was married once or twice, her last husband being a Gatling. Somehow she heard that Boston was living in Suffolk, and a correspondence ensued.

Boston will leave to-morrow to search for his long lost sister. There was a special collection taken for him Sunday. That will pay his fare and leave enough for a Christmas present. He will visit Liza several days. They are 66 years old.

PROSPECTIVE ICE PLANT.

Suffolk has prospects of another ice plant. It is understood that a deal is on foot looking to the construction of a factory, but the site has not been selected.

The town used to have an ice plant. A steam boiler explosion stopped operations for a time, but there was later another effort to run the factory. Lots of the frozen water are used in Suffolk, and a well-equipped plant ought to earn money.

COLORED MINSTRELS.

A galaxy of the costliest colored talent, comedians, singers, dancers, acrobats, tumblers, jugglers, two big quartettes, one symphony orchestra, two big peerless bands and a score of other big, bright attractive features make up the famous Wright's Original Nashville Students and Gideon's Minstrel Carnival the two mammoth minstrel companies combined into one, appearing here at the City Hall Theatre, one night only, Tuesday, January 2.

AFTER A MURDERER.

Hurricane Branch to-night had a 'phone message from the Portsmouth authorities, saying the murderer who escaped jail had been located, and asking that he come at once with bloodhounds. The detective left on the 10 o'clock train with his bloodhound and guns.

THE FIRST SNOW.

The first snow of the season came to-day. Snow began falling about 6 o'clock this afternoon. By 6:30 it had reached the depth of one inch. Then it stopped.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXERCISES.

There were pretty Christmas tree exercises at the Presbyterian Church to-night. The people did not mind going through the snow to get their good things. Each member of the Sunday school got a present, an apple and a cornucopia.

Miss Susie Nurney sang a solo and gave organ renditions of "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Tenth Regiment March."

In the pastor's absence Hon. John R. Pinner made an address whose tenor was the ideal time when there shall be a federation of nations.

HOLLAND STILL LIVING.

A report from the county to-day says that Luther Holland, who was knocked on the head by Luther LaRue, is still living, but is in a precarious condition. His skull is broken. The wounded man has been talking out of his head. Relatives of Holland have offered a reward for Luther's capture.

James W. Lawrence, held for the murder of John Melton, protests that he did not do it; but the evidence is against him. Two witnesses to the tragedy say he is the murderer.

TO START IRON WORKS.

Captain W. J. Pettit, formerly of Suffolk, has decided to start up the plant of the Suffolk Iron Works, which have been shut down two years. The plant has been refitted and will soon be ready for operation.

INSURANCE FIXED.

Special Agent Churchill, of the Liverpool, London and Globe Company, today agreed to pay William J. Brinkley \$1,525, the full amount of his policies. James O. Savage was yesterday paid \$550 by Harper & West for fire loss on a dwelling.

SAID OF PEOPLE.

Miss Annie Deik, of Norfolk, came to-day to visit Suffolk relatives. Mrs. L. H. Veach, of Norfolk, and Mrs. W. G. Farrar, of Portsmouth, who had been visiting their mother, Mrs. E. J. Beale, have gone home. Mr. Sam. S. Erambert has returned from Richmond, where he spent Christmas with friends. Dudley Britt, of Clarksburg, W. Va., is in Suffolk visiting his father, Captain E. B. Britt. Mr. Nurney, of Mountrose, N. C., who

SUFFOLK ADVERTISEMENTS

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is a member of the Suffolk Deer Club, killed a fine buck to-day.

Mr. Edwin Beale, of Waverly, is visiting Suffolk friends.

Mr. E. P. Miner, a theological student at Alexandria, Va., is visiting relatives in Suffolk.

Captain P. St. J. Wilson, of Richmond, visited his former home in Suffolk this week.

Mr. K. Crawley, of Radford, Va., was in Suffolk to-day. He used to teach school here.

Dr. R. U. Burges, of Norfolk, is being entertained by Suffolk relatives.

The Suffolk Peanut Company's plant will start up to-morrow.

Mr. J. C. Williams, of Ahsokle, N. C., was in Suffolk to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Barbee this week entertained relatives from Durham.

Mr. S. Walter Harrell, of Roanoke, Va., is visiting his brother, Mr. C. O. Harrell.

Mrs. J. C. Nelms is reported dying to-night.

CAPE CHARLES

The New Superintendent of the N. Y., P. & N. Railroad.

The Parade of Sportsmen—Entertainment by the Holy Family School—First Snow of the Season—Personal and Otherwise.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Cape Charles, Va., Dec. 27.—Mr. John W. Carroll, of Cape Charles, editor and owner of the Light newspaper, and for years the popular and efficient superintendent of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad, was officially notified to-day that Mr. J. G. Rodgers had been appointed superintendent of the road in place of Col. R. H. Nicholas, resigned. Mr. Rodgers, who is said to have been for a long time connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad system, will assume his duties as superintendent here January 1st, 1900. While the patrons of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk road here, and throughout this section, as well as the citizens of this place, were desirous of seeing Mr. Carroll's long and efficient services recognized by his appointment as the successor of Col. Nicholas, yet they will accept the result with the best possible grace, and extend Mr. Rodgers a cordial greeting and hearty welcome.

SPORTSMEN'S PARADISE.

The Eastern Shore of Virginia has gained a wide reputation as being one of the finest places along the Atlantic coast for the entertainment of the sportsman and the gunner. Fish, crabs, oysters, clams, etc., in their season, with woodcock, partridges, marsh-hens, ducks, etc., rounding up a marvelous wealth in bounties bestowed by the lavish hand of nature upon our favored Peninsula. These, with the elegant hospitality of our people, have at all seasons of the year attracted from every direction a large influx of strangers to our shores. It has been found necessary, however, for the protection of wild fowl, game, etc., to have suitable regulations and restrictions placed upon their unnecessary destruction adopted, and with this end in view, a public meeting has been called by Dr. Bowden, president of the Eastern Shore Game and Protective Association, to assemble in Cape Charles Saturday, January 13th. In the city hall, for the purpose of discussing the existing game laws governing Accomack and Northampton counties, and for the further purpose of hearing any suggestions which may be offered. It is earnestly desired that all persons in any way interested will attend this meeting.

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.

The entertainment given last night by the Holy Family School, in this place, was one of the most interesting and successful features of the holiday season. The attendance was large, and the perfect manner in which the several parts were presented reflected the highest credit upon the Sisters in charge of this splendidly conducted institution of learning.

The following is the program as rendered:

PART I.

Overture—Duet "Triumphal March" Misses B. Jeffries and K. Savage.
Welcome Little Ones "There's Music in the Air" Chorus
NEW BROOMS SWEEP CLEAN.
Noah Testy (rich old man) Master William Hirst
Fred (his nephew) Master Geo. Hirst
Jacob Trusty (his servant) Master Walter Kellam
Tim Regan Master Thos. Parramore
Andrew Swipes (new brooms) Master Cody Drennon
Jing Jimalong (new broom) Master Parsie McKowen
Duet "Sonnet" in F Misses A. Wilson and B. Jeffries.
"The New Woman" Chorus
Trío "Barber de Sevilla" Misses K. Savage, A. Wilson and B. Jeffries.

FRIGHTENED AT NOTHING.

Mr. Ketchum Miss E. Goffigan
Lillie, an orphan (her niece) Miss L. Goffigan
Lucy, schoolmate Miss E. Savage
Nettie, schoolmate Miss A. Vincent
Frank, schoolmate Master Winton Ames
Piano Solo "Polka de Concert" Miss A. Wilson.
"Choice of Trades" Small Boys
March and Chorus "Lily and Rose" Large Girls.

PART II.

Duet "Military Galop" Misses L. Heckle and A. Wilson.
THE TRAIN TO MAURO.
Mrs. Buttermilk Miss Teresa Etz
Mr. Bright Master William Hirst
Johnnie Buttermilk Master Burelgh Kellam
Piano Solo "Moonlight on the Hudson" Miss B. Jeffries.
"Jolly Coppersmiths" Chorus
Piano Solo "Nightgale Schottish" Miss L. Heckle.

CURING AN INVALID.

Aunt Jane (an invalid) Miss N. Vincent
Julia (her niece) Miss M. Windle
Ida (her niece) Miss M. Nellis
Amanda (her niece) Miss Annie Etz
Mrs. Green (neighbor) Miss Nora Sullivan
Duet "Torpedo Galop" Misses A. Wilson and K. Savage.

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If bills are paid on or before the 10th of the month following that for which the charge is made.

This reduced rate will be in effect on bills incurred after January 1st, 1900.

The Company desires to express its obligations to its customers for their support, and to take this opportunity of assuring them that the above reduction is not to be taken as final, but will be followed by such other reductions as the growth and development of the business and a sound and liberal policy may determine.

The Norfolk Railway and Light Company.

THE COUNTRY COUSINS.

Lizzie Twist (a New York lady) Miss G. McKinney
Kate Carlton (country cousin) Miss Jessie Savage
Jane Carlton (sister to Kate) Miss P. Jeffries
Count D'Estrange (an impostor) Master N. Kellam
Mr. Twist (Lizzie's father) Master J. Disharoon
"Come Join the Dance" Chorus

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Capt. J. Barton Key, secretary of Cherrystone Shooting and Fishing Club, was here yesterday. He was accompanied back to the "Lodge" by Mr. Henderson D. Travis.

The clouds have been lowering all day, and at this writing the beautiful snow is drifting down with rapid pace. It is the first of the season.

Mr. John E. Dunbar, representative of a Norfolk music house, is registered at the Northampton. Mr. J. K. Waller, of Delmar, is also registered at the same house.

Capt. B. F. Kellogg, who owns fine oyster grounds in old Plantation creek, near here, is off on a gunning tour. He is accompanied by Mr. Frank T. Waller, of this place.

Hon. John S. Wise, of New York, with four or five friends, will arrive here to-morrow night. They will at once go to Mr. Wise's cottage, down at the Point, and spend the rest of the week shooting duck.

Alfred Gwynn Vanderbilt, of New York, and a party of six, arrived at Cherrystone Lodge Tuesday morning. They will spend a few days duck shooting on the seaside.

J. B. Baker and F. G. Myers, of Philadelphia, stopped at the Cape Charles last night and left this morning for sport on Skidmore Island.

PETERSBURG.

BIG SNOWSTORM—TOURNAMENT—DEATH OF M. N. LYMAN.

(Special Cor. to Virginian-Pilot.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 27.—About 1:30 o'clock this afternoon the first snowstorm of this winter set in here, with the flakes coming down thick and fast, and to-night there is no indication of the storm abating.

A most delightful box and shadow party was given a night or two ago at the residence of Mr. T. S. Leonard, in Dinwiddie county, for the benefit of the Epworth League of Oron Church of that county. The net receipts amounted to about \$30.

A tournament was given to-day at Hamilton Ames, in Dinwiddie, a short distance from the county courthouse, under the auspices of some of the young men of the county. The tournament was followed by a coronation ball to-night.

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